

STATE AID VIEWED BY SCHOOLS IN ANNEXATION ISSUE

"HAVE A PIZZA"



"CHEF" ANTHONY HUNTLEY, 15 months, welcomes Mayor Nick Drale to Anthony's, the new Italian restaurant and deli-essen at the corner of Crenshaw and Torrance blvd. Anthony's, which features all imported Italian foods, is open every day except Mondays. It is also open evenings. Owners, are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Huntley of Torrance.

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Inquiry Is No Endorsement of Annexation

With annexation of 6513 acres of land in the Rolling Hills area a possibility, Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, informed members of the Board of Education that he would contact State officials in order to investigate the possibilities of State aid to the local school district.

No official action calling for such an inquiry was taken by the Board. Board members did not want to risk the possibility that any action on their part might be interpreted as an implicit or explicit admission that the Rolling Hills area will be annexed.

Verbal Inquiry
As further evidence that the inquiry does not represent an endorsement of annexation, Hull declared that he will contact State officials verbally rather than in writing.

Concern over taking any sort of official action in contacting the State arose when Dr. Hull submitted a letter to the Board inquiring about State aid.

Hull asked the Board for approval to send this letter to the State Department of Education, the County Superintendent of Schools, and the District consultant.

Darwin Parrish, Board member, raised the question that such action by the Board was open to misinterpretation.

Open to Interpretation
Parrish pointed out that the letter was "based on the assumption that annexation is a fact" and could thus be misconstrued, even though the Board has officially opposed annexation.

"I refuse to accept annexation," Parrish stated. Hull stated that he had not realized at the time he wrote the letter that it "might be picked up as an indication that (he and the Board) accepted annexation as a fact."

Reason for the letter was that two Board members asked for a thorough investigation of State aid, Hull explained.

Mrs. Grace Wright, president of the Board, agreed with Parrish's stand as did the other Board members after further discussion.

At the outset of the discussion, Board members Dr. Joseph Bay and Chariton Mewborn felt

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P-TA Stand Clarified On Annexation Issue

P-TA members have been advised as a matter of policy to act and think individually on the 6500-acre annexation issue presently facing the city of Torrance, it was announced this week by Mrs. Vera C. Wright, president of the Torrance P-TA Council.

This statement was made in the light of recent comments implying that an attempt was being made to get the P-TA's to oppose annexation through group action.

"Freedom is everybody's business," Mrs. Wright stated. "This concept provides our Torrance parent-teacher people with a fine basic foundation for acting independently and for providing a suitable environment in which our children may develop as free and responsible members of society."

"We are deeply grateful that our principle function with a sense of civic responsibility that freedom calls for," Mrs. Wright continued in a prepared statement.

"We realize now more than ever how significant our work has become toward stimulating a greater awareness of and concern for the conservation of individual human freedoms, rights, and dignities, and at the same time fostering a greater consciousness of individual responsibilities."

"Proof of this is the thirst for information concerning all community problems. This thirst remains unabated and is no doubt enriching every person's life with knowledge and understanding as the policy of hearing both sides of a problem is followed."

Though our whole-hearted efforts are directed towards cooperating with the school, home and community, we will always be sensitive to any and every brutalizing influence that touches children's lives, whether this influence is exerted directly or indirectly," Mrs. Wright concluded.

Book To Tell City's History

Because of the constant demand from many sources for historical information on the city of Torrance, George Powell, advisor to the Planning Commission, is presently preparing such a book.

The book, Powell said, will contain 18 chapters. He will contact a number of individuals who have followed the progress of this city in order to get a complete picture of Torrance's development.

Anyone interested in making pictures or information available for this project is asked to contact Powell at the City Hall, FA. 8-5310.

Suspect Kids In Week-End Burglaries

Two burglaries, both of them attributed to juveniles, occurred last week-end near the Fish Shanty on Pacific Coast Hwy.

Some costume jewelry, two cigarette lighters, and some petty cash were stolen from the gift shop in back of the Fish Shanty, according to Det. Sgt. Percy Bennett.

Also burglarized was the Palos Verdes Begonia Farm. Thieves broke in but apparently did not steal anything.

TILL-TAPPING TRIO CAUGHT

Two men and one woman, suspected of tapping the till of a local market to the tune of \$192, are presently in custody at the Firestone sheriff's station.

One other suspect got away in a stake-out at a Los Angeles motel which netted the three, according to Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton of the Torrance police. The till was tapped sometime Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning, it was reported.

Annexation Hearings Set February 9, 16

Groups and organizations who would like to have one of their representatives speak on the Rolling Hills area annexation issue before the Planning Commission, are asked to contact George Powell at the City Hall.

Powell, advisor to the commission, stated that he would place individuals on the agenda if they would contact him by calling FA. 8-5310.

The Planning Commission will hold two public hearings on the 6513 acres annexation issue February 9 and 16 at 7 p.m. in the Council chamber of the City Hall, corner El Prado and Cravens.

There will be one last and final hearing after this before the City Council.

LATE NEWS

FORGERY SUSPECT: Barbara Jefferson, young mother charged recently with passing over \$800 worth of forged checks, pleaded guilty on one out of four counts. She will be sentenced March 1 in Long Beach Superior Court, according to Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton.

GANG FIGHT: Four young men arrested following a fight in front of a pool hall on 203rd street had their charge reduced from failure to disburse to disturbing the peace by Judge John Shidler, according to police.

STORM: Winds played havoc Wednesday morning all over Torrance. A tree has blown down on Carson between Amalpa and Madrid. Gum machines were thrown over at 182nd street and Hawthorne.

MARCH OF DIMES: Douglas workers at the Torrance plant contributed a total of \$7,390.96 to the March of Dimes, it was reported.

DRESSER CASE: Request for further consideration of the city's stand in the Dresser Smith building scandal case will be asked next week in L.A. Superior Court No. 3, it was learned. If granted, Judge Praeger will postpone a final ruling in the matter.

TORRANCE PRESS SURVEY

Residents State Views On Pay For Councilmen

Torrance's city councilmen serve without pay. Should they be paid or not? This is the question the Torrance Press asked this week in a spot survey of ten people. All were in favor of paying our councilmen.

MRS. CHARLES F. MULLEN, 1519 Post ave. 1: I think they work very hard for nothing. I think it would be wonderful if they got something.

P. W. PATRICH, 3410 W. 171st st.: If a man works he should be paid.

MRS. JACK POMEROY, 5337 Linda dr.: I think they should get something out of it besides glory.

MRS. ROBERT N. POLLY, 16610 S. Glenburn: If I were a councilman I'd want to be paid. I think they should be paid.

ANGEL SEGURA, 1846 Reynosa dr.: I think they should get paid in any community.

MRS. FRANK M. OTTERSTEIN, 2068 Middlebrook rd.: With Torrance growing as fast as it is, I think the councilmen should be paid. If the Council is paid, the School Board should be paid also.

MRS. IRVING MILLIGAN, 17411 Falda: Haven't given any thought to it yet. We'd probably feel that they should get something.

L. P. PATRINO, 2806 Eldorado: I think we should pay them.

MRS. W. F. SEIBER, 1707 Schilling dr.: A small wage would be all right.

HAROLD R. SHAFER, 5121 Milne dr.: Since Torrance is getting as large as it is, councilmen should get paid as in other comparable cities.



TYPICAL of the toys used in the Torrance Co-operative Nursery school are these toys to be on exhibit at the Adult School Open House scheduled for Friday night, February 4, at the Torrance High school cafeteria. Other adult classes will also exhibit their projects. Seen (l-r) are: Mrs. Truesdell, Mrs. Virginia Foyle, director, and Mrs. Jerry Belzer, all of the nursery school.

Just a Lil' Ole Plane Crash...

Pilot Gerald Erdman, flying a single wing Luscomb, stirred up a lot ado about nothing after bringing his plane down for a forced landing in an open field near 190th st. and Western ave. Thursday evening.

Erdman's plane developed engine trouble as he was flying over the Torrance area and the pilot brought the plane down in the open field.

Guards at Harvey Machine co. notified police of an air crash. A few minutes later the pilot himself called and told what had happened. Police then closed the case.

But that wasn't the end of the story.

A passing airliner Friday morning spotted the wreck. The pilot, thinking that the incident had just occurred, quickly radioed the Hawthorne airport tower. Hawthorne airport contacted sheriff's officers who sent a couple of cars and a highway patrol unit racing to the scene with sirens screaming.

Deputies found the plane with its landing gear sheared off and propeller damaged. The cockpit was locked.

Upon notifying Torrance, deputies learned that the landing had taken place more than 12 hours ago.

Owner of the plane was listed as Joseph N. Holder of Inglewood.

Building Activity Doubles Last Month Over Jan., '54

Torrance building activity got off to a fast gallop again for the first month in 1955 with \$4,314,275 permits being issued during January.

This total was almost double the January total for 1954 which was \$2,297,968, according to Walter Bradford, senior clerk in the Building Department.

Building activity by the end of 1955 is estimated to reach a total of \$70 million, according to John Russell, superintendent of the Building Department.

The total for 1954 and all-time high rose above \$45 million.

Construction for the month of January included the following:

Milton Kaufmann Construction Co. took out permits for 239 homes valued at \$1,952,580 for a tract at 190th st. and Hawthorne ave.

W. H. Homes started to build 104 homes valued at \$1,097,100 on 179th and 180th streets near Crenshaw.

Twelve school buildings, totaling \$175,090, were started at Seaside (5 units), Prairie (3 units), North Torrance (4 units).

Construction was started on (Continued on Page 6)

No. Torrance Sewer District Now Completed

The North Torrance sewer district number 2 is ready for connection, it was announced this week by Assistant Engineer John Patrick.

Main lines at 190th street and Crenshaw boulevard are completed and residents may hook up now, Patrick stated.

Isenberg Resigns From C of C

Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, this week handed in his resignation "prompted by pressing personal business."

Isenberg named March 1 as the date on which his resignation will become effective.

"In leaving the organization," Isenberg wrote, "I wish to personally thank each and every one of the board of directors and individual members for the fine support and cooperation given me these past three years."

Isenberg stated that he intends to continue living in Torrance but that otherwise he has "no immediate plans." If no one is found to assume his post by March 1, Isenberg declared himself ready to continue in his duties until someone is found.

He also submitted a personal check for membership in the local Chamber.

Narbonne Elects Girl President

Narbonne High school students elected a girl-president for the second time in the school's history.

Newly elected president is Margie Getz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Getz, 26321 Ozone ave., Harbor City.

TALLEST MAN IN THE WEST

"HAVE A BALLOON" . . . Locks Martin, tallest man in the west will give away balloons again this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at the new Owl-Rexall drug store (next to Clark's) corner Hawthorne ave. and Pacific Coast Hwy. The 7'7" deputy sheriff of Tarant County, Texas appeared at Owl-Rexall last week-end. Here 3-year-old Mike Montgomery of 24240 Neece ave. receives a balloon.



OILMEN OFFER PLAN TO ELIMINATE SUMPS

With deadline for action passed, at least half of the oil producers of Torrance indicated to the State that they were considering a plan to improve their waste disposal methods in order to comply with the State's demands.

While the state issued its ultimatum in order to protect the underground water supply from eventual pollution, the same methods used to protect the water will also eliminate the dangerous and unsightly sump conditions which have plagued this area for such a long time.

Four Methods
The Water Pollution Control Board No. 4 recommended one of four ways to eliminate brine sumps: draining the brine into sewers; reinjecting it into the ground through abandoned wells; carrying the brine off in tank trucks; or evaporation.

At least half of the oilmen have informed the Water Pollution Control Board that they intend to work out a plan whereby the brine is drained out into the sewers, according

Fazio Elected President Of Torrance High

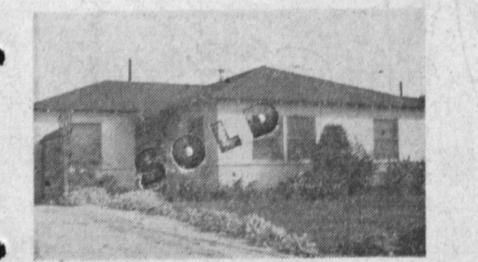
Joe Fazio emerged victorious over George Hurley as student body president of Torrance High school for the coming semester, it was announced this week.

Fazio succeeds Jim Donnette in the number 1 post.

Other officers to serve with Fazio on the student council include: Sherwood Tiernan, vice-president; Paul Shinoda, court judge; Marylou Sass, records; Joan Laskaris, finance; Linda Thistle, pep; Jim Haworth, athletics; Audrey Stevens, activities; Judy Powell, publicity.

Class presidents are Ann Steinbaugh, senior; Larry Lipincott, junior, and Steven Smith, freshman.

One Picture Says More Than A Thousand Words



Next to seeing the real McCoy, the best way to know what a sunset is like is to see a picture of one.

And that's true of a house, as well. A number of realtors have already made this pleasant discovery. Take Alter Real Estate for instance. Alter ran a picture of the above home in the Torrance Press Pictorial Home Finder last week. Accompanying the picture were some descriptive facts.

You can't beat the combination of picture and facts in our Pictorial Home Finder section for results. Call FA. 8-2345 for details on how to sell your home through a pictorial ad at very little cost.